

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listing, of claims in the application.

1. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

providing a group administration application that allows a group administrator to define fields for a configuration input web page of members of a group,

providing [[a]] configuration input web page, the configuration input web page including fields for the input of configuration information concerning a software license, the configuration input page including the fields that are definable defined by [[a]] the group administrator so that these fields are displayed for members of the group the configuration input web page receiving configuration information associated with the fields from the member; and

maintaining a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the configuration information.

2. (Cancelled)

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim [[2]] 1, wherein the group administration application can be used to produce a pull down list for a field of the configuration input web page.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information further includes the number of CPUs.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information further includes the operating system.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the input configuration information further includes use environment of the software.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the user can change the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input ~~screen~~ web page is provided when the user changes the IP address.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein ~~the a~~ change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address within the customer management application.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.

10. – 18. (Cancelled)

19. (Currently Amended) A computer readable media comprising software to instruct a computer to do the steps of providing a group administration application that allows a group administrator to define fields for a configuration input web page of members of a group; [:]

providing [[a]] the configuration input web page, the configuration input web page including fields for the input of configuration information concerning a software license, the configuration input page including fields that are definable defined by [[a]] the group administrator so that these fields are displayed for members of the group the configuration input web page receiving configuration information associated with the fields from the member; and

maintaining a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the configuration information.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media of claim [[20]] 19, wherein the group administration application can be used to produce a pull down list for a field of the configuration input page.

22. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information further includes the number of CPUs.

23. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information further includes the operating system.

24. (Currently Amended) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the input configuration information further includes use environment of the software.

25. (Original) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the user can change the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input screen is provided when the user changes the IP address.

26. (Original) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein the change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address within the customer management application.

27. (Original) The computer readable media of claim 19, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.

28. (New) A method comprising:

providing a group administration application that allows a group administrator to define fields for a configuration input web page of members of a group,

providing configuration input web page, the configuration input web page including the fields defined by the group administrator so that these fields are displayed for members of the group, the configuration input web page receiving configuration information associated with the fields from the members; and

maintaining a digital record of the software license, the digital record including the configuration information; wherein the group administration application is a web application that authenticates the group administrator, and wherein the group administrator application allows for the restriction of access of selected software licenses to certain members.

29. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the group administration application can be used to produce a pull down list for a field of the configuration input web page.

30. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the input configuration information further includes the number of CPUs.

31. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the input configuration information further includes the operating system.

32. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the input configuration information further includes use environment of the software.

33. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein the user can change the IP address at which the software is licensed, wherein the configuration input web page is provided when the user changes the IP address.

34. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein a change of IP address automatically causes the license to be invalidated at the old IP address within the customer management application.

35. (New) The method of claim 28, wherein a transaction history is maintained that indicates changes to the configuration information.